

Governments have been asked to strengthen the Special Branches of State Police forces to enhance capabilities to enable greater collection and sharing of local intelligence necessary to prevent terrorist and anti national activities.

(c) and (d) The Central and State security and intelligence agencies remain alert and their coordinated action has resulted in busting of a large number of terrorist modules thereby preventing many resultant terrorist incidents. However, the constant endeavor has been to further improve collection of local and actionable intelligence including through the mechanism of community policing to know before hand the exact place and time of an impending terrorist attack.

(e) Considering the vital role of intelligence in effective prevention of terrorist activities, the Central Government has discussed the issue of strengthening of intelligence set-up in various meetings with the representatives of the State Governments/UT administrations. They have been advised to take concerted action to strengthen intelligence machinery at State, District and Police Station levels, constituting/streamlining coordination committees at different levels to facilitate real time sharing of intelligence between different security and law enforcement agencies, re-activating beat constable system and according a higher priority to collection of intelligence through both human sources and technical surveillance.

Self-sufficiency in Defence production

†*320. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Armed forces have to depend on foreign countries even today for getting modern arms and equipments, despite the claims of self-sufficiency in every field in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country has not achieved the desired success in the field of defence research and innovation as per the circumstances and the needs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India's approach in respect of defence research does not seem to come upto the reality; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's thinking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that India is importing required quantity of modern arms and equipment for Armed Forces. The objectives of the Government is to acquire the best systems for the forces. Some equipment is indigenously produced and some are imported.

(b) to (d) The achievements of Defence Research have contributed immensely towards building up of self-reliance in cost effective indigenous design and Development of state of the art weapon system. The system and technology developed by Defence Research have given strong technological edge to our Armed Forces. Defence Research in India is regularly reviewed and aligned with the long-term integrated prospective plan of the Armed Forces. In recent past, certain systematic changes have been introduced wherein DRDO would focus on the critical technologies and those of strategic importance.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Visesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana

2259. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Visesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana;
- (b) whether some agricultural products covered under Visesh Krishi Upaj Yojana have been left out under the new scheme;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government propose to discourage export of these commodities?

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